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 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
 EXAMINING GROUP 1647
 Attorney Docket No. 09487.0001**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
 Timothy. G. DINAN et al.) Group Art Unit: 1614
 Application No.: 09/687,384) Examiner: Donna A. JAGOE
 Filed: October 13, 2000)
 For: TREATMENT AND PREVENTION)
 OF GASTROINTESTINAL)
 DISEASE USING ANTAGONISTS)
 OR PARTIAL AGONISTS OF)
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 Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST
FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the final Office Action mailed February 26, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the subject application in light of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are included in this paper. **Remarks and Arguments** follow the amendment section of this paper.